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In view of JOHN HOWARD LAWSON's continued activities in behalf of Communist dominated organizations, it is recommended that he be retained on the Security Index. Los Angeles Division will continue to consider LAWSON a key figure.

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Los Angeles Office

At Los Angeles, California: Will continue to follow and report the pertinent activities of LAWSON in behalf of the Communist Party and Communist dominated organizations.

INFORMANTS

<u>Sources</u>	<u>Date and/or Nature of Activity</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent Receiving</u>	<u>Location</u>
T-1, DAVID KLEIN	Re subject's residence and employment	12/ 3/52	ANDREW J. DECKER, JR.	Orally
T-2, LA 3512-S	6/14/52 8/ 6/52 9/11/52 9/29/52 11/5/52 11/5/52-12/10/52	6/16/52 9/12/52 10/28/52 10/ 6/52 10/28/52 11/ 6/52	BERNARR M. PTACEK ANDREW J. DECKER, JR. BERNARR M. PTACEK BERNARR M. PTACEK BERNARR M. PTACEK BERNARR M. PTACEK	66-3289A239 66-3289A279 134-115A15 66-3289A328 100-21198-891 100-21198-893
T-3, LA 3555-S	Re LACCP Secretariat Meeting, 1943 or 1944	3/31/51	JOSEPH T. JALBERT et al	100-21198-1A61
T-4, LA 3402-S	8/ 6/52 10/22/52 9/12/52 8/27/52 10/ 5/52 10/ 8/52	8/15/52 11/ 5/52 9/26/52 9/ 3/52 10/16/52 10/14/52	WILLIAM J. NOLAN, JR. " " " " "	66-1859A-204 134-21A-7 66-1859A-221 66-1859A-217 134-21A-4 134-21A-5
T-5, LA 3457-S	8/ 6/52	8/19/52	BERNARR M. PTACEK	66-2226A-206

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T-7, LA 3521-S	8/ 6/52	8/19/52	HARVEY G. BERKEY	66-3338A-85
T-8, LA 3630-S	8/ 6/52 9/12/52	8/21/52 9/16/52	THOMAS W. CRAWFORD " "	66-3603A-14 66-3603A-16
T-9, LA 3633-S	8/ 6/52 9/12/52 10/8/52	8/ 8/52 9/18/52 10/13/52	ROBERT W. HOUSEAL, JR. DONALD B. BOYER " "	66-4174A-1 66-4174A-15 134-195A-4
T-10, SF 1828-S	10/19/52	—	SF Office	100-21198-880
T-11, LA 3507-S	9/12/52	9/18/52	WILLIAM L. McDERMOTT	66-3364A-179
T-12, LA 3537-S	9/12/52	9/18/52	DONALD B. BOYER	66-4174A-15
T-13, LA 3463-S	9/12/52	9/19/52	ROMNEY STEWART	66-3023A-107
T-14, PS HELEN A. LEWIS	9/12/52	9/18/52	BURL P. MIDDENDORF	66-4179A-5
T-15, WILLIAM NATHAN WILSON 1973 Minoru Drive Altadena, California	9/12/52	9/16/52	BERNARR W. PTACEK	66-3591A-6
T-16, LA 3501-S	9/12/52	9/15/52	PAUL W. GIBBS	66-2859A-127
T-17, LA 3423-S	9/12/52	9/22/52	VINCENT T.K. STACEY	66-2040A-131
T-18, LA 3424-S	9/12/52	9/22/52	" "	66-2040A-131

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T-20, PS MARIE HUGHES	9/12/52	9/24/52	WILLIS W. WALL	134-48A1
T-21, LA 3436-S	9/12/52	9/19/52	ICEALTIUS A. HALL	66-1984A-281
T-22, LA 3533-S	9/12/52	9/24/52	HARVEY G. BERKEY	66-3428A-21
T-23, LA 3513-S	9/12/52	9/18/52	SIDNEY M. WOLF	66-3025A-133
T-24, PATRICIA AKERLEY	9/12/52	9/16/52	THOMAS W. CRAWFORD	66-4215A-6A
	10/ 8/52	10/14/52	" "	66-4215A-12
T-25, LA 3251-S	Documentation re "Morning Freiheit"	3/26/52	ROMNEY STEWART	Orally
T-26, LA 3448-S	8/24/52	8/29/52	SIDNEY M. WOLF	66-1850A-128
T-27, LA 2954-S	Documentation re IPP Documentation re APC	3/21/51 3/28/52	H. RAWLINS OVERTON H. RAWLINS OVERTON, et al	Orally Orally
T-28, LA 3637-S	10/13/52	10/16/52	WILLIAM G. CARPENTER	134-217A-2
T-29, LA 3453-S	10/24/52	10/25/52	WILLIAM G. CARPENTER	134-55A-6
T-30, LA 3473-S	Documentation re IACPFB	3/25/52	H. EDWARD WHITE	Orally
T-31, LA 3184-S	Documentation re HASPC	2/20/51	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	Orally

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T-33, LA 3550-S	5/ 7/52	5/15/52	SIDNEY M. WOLF	66-3677A-31
T-34, LA 3606-S	Pamphlet entitled, "Let's Not Have a Dreyfus Case in America"	12/ 3/52	MALCOLM M. RINK	100-41648-1A
T-35, LA 3064-S	CP membership, SOPHIE DAVIDSON	9/ 4/50	VERNON D. JENSEN	100-18888B-320
T-36, LA 3536-S	CRC, 1951	10/ 1/52	KENNETH R. MERRILL	100-23717-1B31-1

REFERENCE:

Report of SA ANDREW JOSEPH DECKER, JR., 9/17/52, Los Angeles.

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